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METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper responds to the notice of non-compliant amendment dated October 4, 2004, and is timely filed within the one-month period.

Applicants respectfully submit that no amendment was filed. Rather, Applicants provided a courtesy copy of "Watanabe Second Amendment and Remarks" (5 pages) filed January 10, 2003, during the interference phase of the present application. Attempts to contact the LIE via telephone at 571-272-0541 went unanswered. This paper followed.

To prevent a repeat of the notice of non-compliant amendment, Applicants provide the following detailed listing of the present claims.